

REMARKS

Examiner Eloshway is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on April 28, 2006.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed in the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is hereby requested. The language of Claim 8 has been amended to include a proper antecedent basis. Therefore, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15-17, 19, 20, 23-26, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hollenbeck (U.S. Patent No. 4,394,906), the rejection of Claims 1-9, 12, 15, 17-20 and 23-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentson (U.S. Patent No. D412,448) in view of Eisenberg (U.S. Patent No. 3,841,528), the rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollenbeck in view of Rakes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,786,982), the rejection of Claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentson in view of Eisenberg (U.S. Patent No. 3,841,528), and the rejection of Claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentson, Eisenberg and Rohlf's (U.S. Patent No. 6,571,981) is hereby requested.

As indicated in the Interview Summary, the proposed amendment to Claim 29 "...appears to overcome the prior art cited in the previous Office Action". Claim 29 has been amended as proposed and is considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Please cancel Claims 1-24 and 32-38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

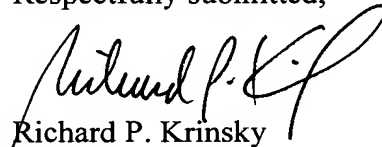
Claims 25, 30 and 31 have been amended to change their dependencies. Claims 25-28 and 30-31 now depend from Claim 29 and are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 29 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

Based upon the above, the application and Claims 25-31 are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application and Claims 1-22 are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341/72637).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Amendments to the Claims